

Seek New Site For Columbus Monument

White Memorial Removal in Fayette Park Is Protested

Protests against the proposed removal of the Hamilton S. White monument in Fayette Park to make way for the erection of a new Christopher Columbus monument today led to suggestion of a new site for the Columbus memorial.

The latest site suggested is the plaza of the new New York Central station of the proposed West Shore Railroad elevated route.

The Exempt Volunteer Firemen's Association of Onondaga County is leading the opposition against the plan to relocate the White monument at the East end of Fayette Park to permit erection of the Columbus monument at the West end, where the memorial to the former honorary chief of the Syracuse fire department now stands.

The new site was suggested by Capt. Clarence E. Howard, chief engineer of the Planning, Parks and Recreation Commission.

"If the opposition to the Fayette Park plan cannot be eliminated, I believe the logical place for the monument would be the plaza of the new railroad station bounded by Catherine Street, Erie Boulevard, East, Crouse Avenue and East Water Street," Captain Howard said.

"The monument would be situated on two of the city's main arteries.

"The city of Washington erected a monument in the plaza of its railroad station and the development added materially to the beauty of the plaza.

"I am certain that a Columbus monument as proposed by the Columbus Memorial Association would lend to the beauty of the proposed plaza development in front of the new station."

Captain Howard yesterday interviewed Mrs. Hamilton S. White, widow of the hero of the old Syracuse Fire Department, relative to the Fayette Park program, but made no comment on the visit.

Today, prior to the meeting of the Planning, Parks and Recreation Commission this afternoon, he intends to interview Frank H. Hiscock, former chief judge of the Court of Appeals; William S. Andrews, former judge of the Court of Appeals, and several other prominent Syracuseans, friends of the former chief and leaders in the movement for the erection of the monument to his memory.

The report of Captain Howard on the series of interviews will be submitted to the board at today's meeting.